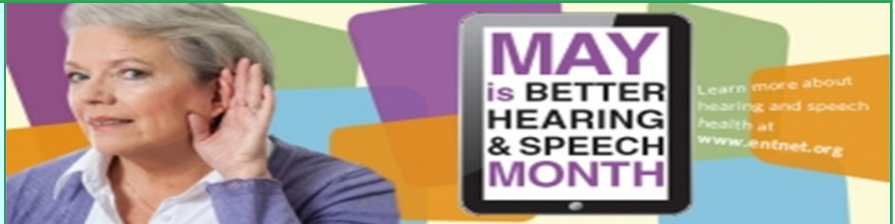




# **NEWBORN SCREENING & INFANT HEARING SPRING 2015 VOLUME 1, ISSUE 7**

## **Newborn Hearing Test, by Kim McCray, IHP Manager**

Newborn hearing test are essential for early identification of hearing loss to prevent delays in speech and language skills. Our goals for babies born in Arkansas are to:



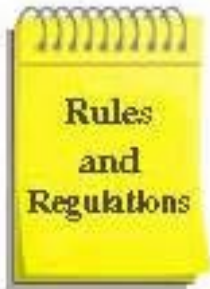
- Screen every newborn's hearing before leaving the hospital
- Schedule a rescreen before 1 month of age
- Confirm hearing loss with a diagnostic test before 3 months of age
- Enroll infants with confirmed hearing loss in early intervention services before 6 months of age

## **ERAVE Reminders**

- Do not use hyphens, dashes or suffixes in any names.
- Do not put more than one name in the First Name field. ERAVE Infant Hearing does not have a place for nor need the child's middle name. If mother says baby's name is Mary Jane just enter Mary in the First Name field.
- If child is a Jr., II, III do not include the suffix in any name field.
- If there are 2 last names enter both in the same field with no dash. Use a space between the 2 names.
- You must populate the first 4 of the 5 fields in the Second Contact section on the Mother/Second Contact Info window. If the information is not known you must type UNKNOWN in each field in order to proceed with the record. If some of the information is known, enter what you have then type UNKNOWN in the remaining fields.
- If you are unable to release a record because the check box is not enabled, something is likely wrong with the record. Keeping in mind if the test results are Pass/Pass you should be able to release the record to the state on the Risk Factors window. If the baby referred in either ear or was not tested you must go to the Appointment Scheduling window within the test record to release the record to the state.
- If the release to state box is not enabled on either window and you cannot determine what the problem is, call the helpdesk. If you are unable to contact the helpdesk at that time, save the record as pending and go back to it later. It will remain in your open queue. Do not leave records unfinished for long. You are responsible for your own records.

***KIM***

**SPRING 2015 LAB NOTES: by LESLIE HIMSTEDT, BS/ADH LAB MANAGER**



**The Rules and Regulations  
Pertaining to Testing of  
Newborn Infants were revised  
and went into effect May 1,  
2015. The revised rules can be  
found on the Arkansas  
Department of Health website**



**at [www.healthy.arkansas.gov](http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov). A copy of the revised rules  
was sent out earlier this year with the sample delivery charts.**

**The newborn screening lab has added Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) to the test menu. All samples received May 1 forward will be screened for SCID. The addition of SCID to the newborn screening panel necessitates an increase in the fee from \$89.25 to \$121 per sample.**

**New collection cards are here and a new data element has been added - Gestational Age. Please make sure this section is completed as the gestational age of the baby will be used for a more accurate determination of SCID and the follow-up care that is needed. We will deplete our current supply of cards and start sending out the new cards later this year. Remember, all data elements must be completed on the collection card for proper patient identification and interpretation of results. When completing the cards, please PRINT using indelible ink.**

**As a reminder, the newborn screening lab is open on Saturdays for sample delivery between the hours of 8 and 10 AM to help you increase the number of samples received within 48 hours after collection. As of calendar year 2015, quarter 1, 5 hospitals have submitted at least 85% of their samples within 48 hours. Great job!**

***LESLIE***

**SPRING 2015 NBS NOTES: *by* PAT PURIFOY, RN/ADH NBS MANAGER**

AR Department of Health lab staff have reported an increase of unsatisfactory blood spot specimens due to blood spot is not completely saturated through to the back of the card.

ADH/Approved Provider Unit of CNEs offer a great educational tool for nurses to review & receive 1.5 CNE contact hours toward requirements for nursing licenses renewal. The course #1053880: “AR Newborn Screening—Protecting Babies through a Simple Test”.

This is an educational tool that can be used as a fresher course for nursing staff and utilized in the orientation process at your birthing facility.



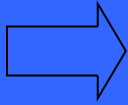
Go to web site: [www.ar.train.org](http://www.ar.train.org). Be sure & set up an A-TRAIN account if you do not already have one!

**The Learner will need to:**

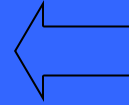
- Choose Credit Type
- Click Register
- Click Assessment (To Complete Pre-Assessment (survey))
- Return to Registration Tab
- Click Launch
- Review Materials
- Return to the Registration Page
- Complete Post-Assessment
- Complete Course Evaluation

**If any problems with the A-TRAIN process please contact: Amanda Stanisor, ADH/A- TRAIN Specialist @ (501) 661-2604 or e-mail: [amanda.stanisor@arkansas.gov](mailto:amanda.stanisor@arkansas.gov).**

*PAT*



**HOLIDAY REMINDER!!!**



**ALL STATE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED IN  
OBSERVANCE OF THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:**

**MEMORIAL DAY: MAY 25TH  
&  
FRIDAY JULY 3RD**

**NOTE: THE ADH LAB WILL BE CLOSED ON  
JULY 3RD, BUT WILL BE OPEN SATURDAY  
JULY 4TH**

